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Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"Do the Government intend to constitute a Board of Communications?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"They are considering the proposal."

Basis underlying the allotment of petrol-tax to the various districts.

*320 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the basis on which the petrol-tax which makes the Road Development Fund is allotted to various districts?

A.—The subventions received by this Government from the Central Road Development Fund are distributed as grants to district boards for such Capital Works on trunk roads as may be approved by the Government of India. The allotment is made with reference to the merits of individual works and not with reference to the districts in which they are carried out.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government examine the requirements of each district before making allotments from this fund to the different districts?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"All the schemes submitted will be duly considered."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of fixing a basis for distributing amounts from this fund to all the districts?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"As was stated yesterday, the Government do consider the question of distributing to all districts, according to the urgency of the works."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Will the Government be pleased to supply a list of the schemes which have been submitted for consideration?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I have no objection to give the information to the hon. Gentleman."

Direct recruitment of District Board Engineers with special reference to communal representation.

*321 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, with a view to the direct recruitment of District Board Engineers, the Government called for the recommendations from the Madras Services Commission;

(*b*) whether the Services Commission were asked to have regard to the claims of the various communities in making their recommendations for the purpose;

(*c*) the names of the persons recommended by the Commission and the communities to which they belong;